

# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

**September 15, 2015** 

#### 7:00 Regular Meeting:

- Action authorizing City Manager to sign professional services agreement for water supply analysis
- <u>Discussion</u> regarding 2016 personnel cost changes
- <u>Discussion</u> regarding cost allocation plan
- <u>Discussion</u> regarding Ford Avenue right-of-way vacation request

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: <a href="http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-AgendaS-1">http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-AgendaS-1</a>

### **Verizon Cell Tower Proposal**

The City is processing an application to locate a new Verizon cell tower at 402 Second Street. The monopole would be located on the north side of the Boys and Girls Club, adjacent to the skate park. As proposed, the monopole would be 100 feet tall, which is about eight feet taller than the wireless facilities mounted on a utility pole near the police station at 230 Maple Avenue. As proposed, the ground equipment ("base station") would be enclosed in an addition to the Boys and Girls Club building and the monopole would emerge through the roof of the addition.

New wireless communications facilities require a conditional use permit, which is decided by the City's Hearing Examiner after a public hearing. A hearing on the proposal was opened on July 31. Following public comment from a number of concerned citizens, the Hearing Examiner determined that more information is needed from the applicant to render a decision. To allow time to obtain the supplemental information, the Hearing Examiner continued the hearing to a future date. This date is not yet scheduled.

A summary of the July 31 hearing as well as the additional information the applicant was directed to provide may be found in the Post Hearing Order on the City's website at: http://www.snohomishwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=193.

Other submittal materials related to the project may be viewed at this link as well.

The Hearing Examiner's Post Hearing Order included direction to the applicant to perform a "balloon test", which, as the name implies, is a tethered balloon released to the height of the proposed monopole. This exercise is intended to assess the visual impact a structure this size will have on the surrounding community. The balloon test is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m., although it may be rescheduled if weather conditions are adverse. Any interested citizens are encouraged to observe and photodocument the test. Your photos, along with a description of the locations from which they are taken, may be emailed to Associate Planner Brooke Eidem at <a href="mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov">eidem@snohomishWA.gov</a>. Photos of the balloon test from various locations will be submitted to the Hearing Examiner for the project record. Photos may also be submitted directly to the Hearing Examiner when the hearing is re-opened.

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If you have questions about the proposal or would like to be made a party of record, please contact Ms. Eidem by email or phone at (360) 282-3173. Parties of record will be notified of the next hearing date and the decision.

The community benefits when citizens are well informed. To be made aware of development applications within the City as well as other news, please consider subscribing to the City's News Flash service at the following link: <a href="http://www.snohomishwa.gov/list.aspx">http://www.snohomishwa.gov/list.aspx</a>. And please direct others to the same link to help us expand the subscriber base for the City Manager Newsletter.

## Funding Available to Non-Profits for 2016 Tourism Development and Promotion

The City of Snohomish is accepting applications from non-profit agencies for projects that assist tourism development and promotion in the City of Snohomish. The program is funded through the taxes imposed on lodging room rentals in the City of Snohomish. Funds will be available after January 1, 2016 on a reimbursement basis only for projects that will be completed by December 31, 2016. It is anticipated that the total available funds will be \$10,000.

Completed applications are due in the City of Snohomish offices at 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA 98290 by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2015. No applications received after that time and date will be considered for funding.

Detailed instructions and online application can be found on the City's website at: <a href="http://snohomishwa.gov/445/HotelMotel-Grant-Application">http://snohomishwa.gov/445/HotelMotel-Grant-Application</a>.

Applicants will be requested to present their projects at the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting set for Thursday, September 24, 2015 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Snohomish City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA 98290. Applicants will be contacted to confirm the presentation time.

If you have any questions please call Debbie Emge at 360-282-3197 or email emge@snohomishwa.gov.

#### **Snohomish County PUD - Energy Fair**

Hey, Snohomish! We want to hear from you! Your PUD is holding a one-night-only Energy Fair especially for Snohomish residents. Join us at the Snohomish Senior Center, 506 Fourth Street, on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. Come learn about residential and small commercial PUD conservation programs that can help you save energy and money and improve the value of your home and/or business. PUD staff will be on hand to answer all of your questions and local area contractors will be there to provide advice and expertise. The first 25 visitors receive a FREE PUD cooler and CFL recycling is available at the event. **Best of all – all eligible attendees will have the opportunity to enter to win a NEW Maytag efficient clothes washer, donated by our friends at Judd & Black (retail value \$999.99)!** Bring your questions with you and we'll see you there!

Date: Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Snohomish Senior Center – 506 Fourth Street

### Join Dream Dinners in Snohomish County's Fight Against Hunger

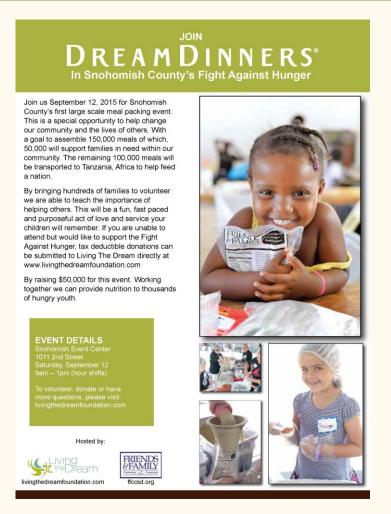
On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Dream Dinners non-profit arm, "Living the Dream" is coordinating over 1,100 volunteers working 1 hour rotations to pack 150,000 meals for those in need in Snohomish County and abroad. They need an *army* of volunteers to pull this off and they just launched the on-line scheduling tool. This event is a blast and provides a simple, fun environment to introduce youth to powerful acts of service for others in our communities.

Volunteers can choose what time works best for them on Saturday and sign up for a 1 hour slot or multiple slots. We are assembling dry packages of rice, vegetables, soy and vitamins. One package provides six nutritionally-complete servings and reverses the effects of malnutrition. 100,000 meals will be sent to Tanzania and 50,000 meals will stay here in Snohomish to help families in need.

To participate in the event, you must register for an assembly time slot. Feel free to send the link to all of your friends! They are also looking 30 Volunteer Leads which would be for a 3 hour shift.

For Families, Individuals or Organizations, volunteering is easy. To register for a time slot: <a href="https://livingthedreamFPE.eventbrite.com">https://livingthedreamFPE.eventbrite.com</a>

They also need donations for the event. Donations can be made by going directly online at: <a href="http://livingthedreamfoundation.com/our-events/snohomish-countys-fight-against-hunger/">http://livingthedreamfoundation.com/our-events/snohomish-countys-fight-against-hunger/</a>



#### **AMERICAN PICKERS To Film In Washington!**

Washington is excited to welcome Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and Antique Archeology to the area. The team will possibly film episodes of their hit series AMERICAN PICKERS throughout Washington. Filming will begin this month.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. This hit show follows two of the most skilled pickers in the business, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, as they embark on an epic road trip across the U.S. in search of America's most valuable antiques from motorcycles, classic cars and bicycles to one-of-a-kind vintage memorabilia. Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle America, restore forgotten relics to their former glory, and learn a thing or two about American history along the way.

Filming is scheduled to start next month. AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore what you may have. They are on the hunt for interesting characters with interesting and unique items. Some of what they look for: vintage bicycles, toys, unusual radios, movie memorabilia, advertising, military items, folk art, vintage musical equipment, vintage automotive items, early firefighting equipment, vintage clothing, pre-50's western gear.



AMERICAN PICKERS is produced by Cineflix Productions for History. New episodes air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET on History.

If you have a large collection or want to refer someone to Mike and Frank, email: your name, number, address and description of the collection and photos to: <a href="mailto:americanpickers@cineflix.com">americanpickers@cineflix.com</a>, or call 1-855-old-rust.

#### 2015 Calendar:

In Observation of Labor Day Monday, September 7 CITY HALL CLOSED Public Safety Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 8
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Fire District 4 Training Annex

1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 9
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

## BOOM...Pirates & Romans & Knights OH MY at the 8th Annual Snohomish Pumpkin Hurl & Medieval Faire

Avast mateys! It's nearly fall and that means the opening of pumpkin season in Snohomish! Kicking off the festivities on September 12<sup>th</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Snohomish Pumpkin Hurl & Medieval Faire, which takes place on both Saturday and Sunday (September 12 & 13, 2015). The Faire is created and produced by the Snohomish Valley Festival of Pumpkins Association and sponsored by Coordinated Health-Ambetter.

For the contest, independent teams build and bring their own pumpkin hurling machines to see who can fling the farthest. Hard to imagine, but you'll find even more to excite you when you arrive. Over the years, this event has evolved into much more than a "punkin chunkin" - style contest.

"Folks get a 'medieval' experience with hands-on activities," living history village coordinator Bill Gruner explains. "Our on-site experts show visitors how to shoot arrows, fight it out in Viking shield walls, and try on chain mail shirts. We've got fully-armored mounted warriors who display their skill with sword and spear. Other armored warriors will demonstrate their skills on foot in a tournament setting. Next door is the medieval weapons and armor museum, plus expert artisans show off their handiwork and offer free classes."

Don't just stand there! Though there's plenty to watch, with so many hands-on activities to explore, you may need to attend both days! Adults and children may take part in mock battles and warrior training, and anyone can fire a small scale trebuchet and sample delicious food on site. Everyone is encouraged to arrive in costume (from any historic era, or even your favorite comic, movie or game!), but it's not required.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Pirates of Treasure Island show off real black powder cannons in three daily shows...BOOM! Returning for the second year are The Seattle Knights, the Pacific Northwest's premiere sword fighting and jousting theatrical troupe. Seattle Fairy Parties host children's tea parties and parades, and everyone can strut their stuff in the daily Costume Contest.

FAVORITES RETURN: Roman & Viking Battle Classes, thrown weapons practice, children's' boffer sword skirmishes, and the Kid's Quest Scavenger Hunt. Also back, for those that love to sip & savor delicious festival flavors: Premium Food Trucks & Local Liquid Arts Tasting Garden where you'll get to sample local specialty beverages and purchase your favorites to take home. Add to that our artisan marketplace featuring leather goods, wooden toys and jewelry- there's something for everyone!

Along with all the daily activities, Sunday's schedule will include hurl competitors doing demonstration throws, and an "All Chunkers Welcome" time where attendees will get a chance to launch their own pumpkin! <u>Click Here</u> for Full Schedule of Events.

#### **Snohomish Pumpkin Hurl & Medieval Faire**

Saturday and Sunday, September 12 & 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It costs only \$8.00 to attend and \$5.00 per car to park. <u>Advance online tickets get a FREE parking pass.</u> Click Here to Buy Tickets. Children 4 and under are free.